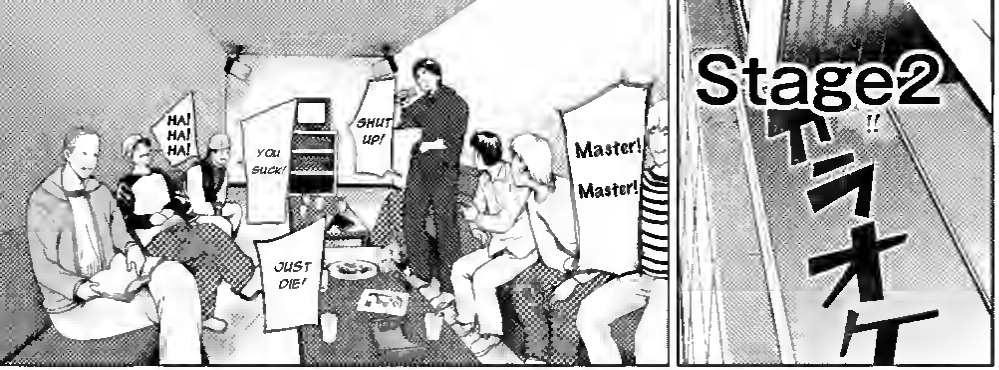
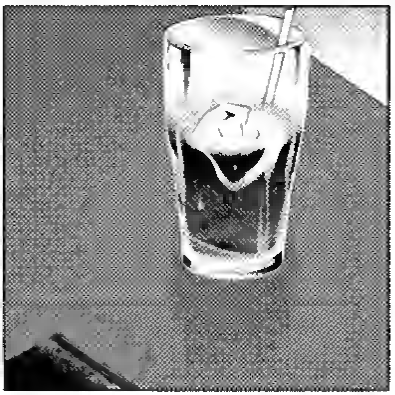
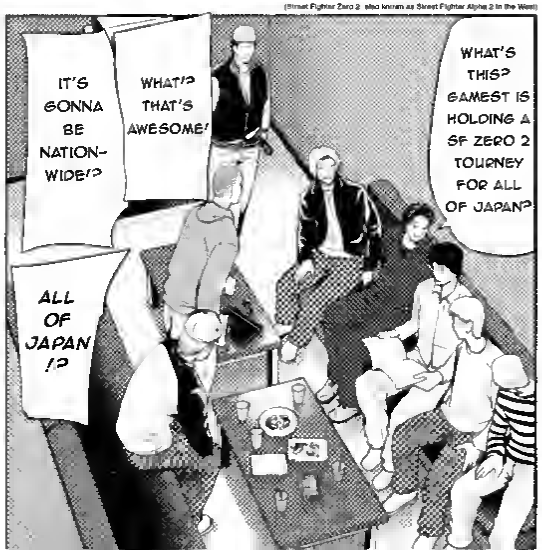




(Street Fighter Zero 2 also known as Street Fighter Alpha 2 in the West)



REAL STRONG PLAYERS HUH
YOU KNOW, REAL STRONG PLAYERS WILL DEFINITELY SHOW UP
ME, HUH... WELL, I WOULDN'T LOSE TO ANYBODY IN ASAKUSA...

IT'LL BE FUN!
OKAY, SOUNDS GOOD!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
NO WAY!
I'M GONNA BE THE CHAMP!

...WELL THEN... HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS...
NO WAY, I WAS JOKING!
WHAT? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

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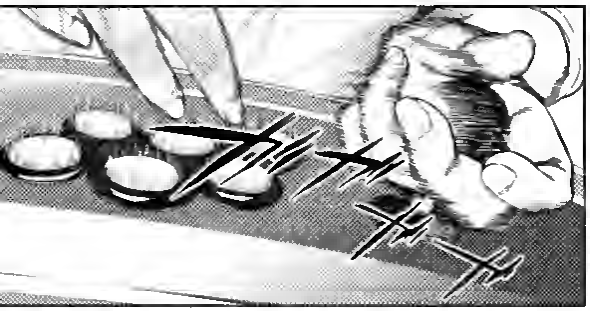
KIKOUKEN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KIKOU-
KEN!
K.O.

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TEN-
SHO-
KYAKU
GOMEN
NE!

WE HAVE A WINNER!
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THE CHAMPION IS...
SHINYA OONUKI!!
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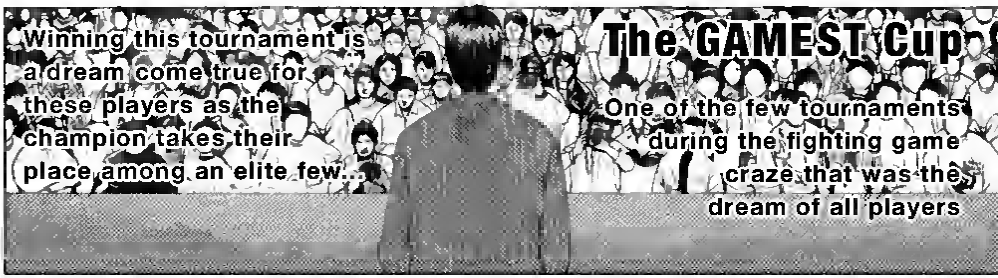
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!


Winning this tournament is a dream come true for these players as the champion takes their place among an elite few...
The GAMEST Cup
One of the few tournaments during the fighting game craze that was the dream of all players

At least, that was how it was supposed to be...

WAS THAT REALLY THE WHOLE COUNTRY?
UGH, THAT WAS SUPER BORING!

ANYWAY, I'M TRYING TO FORM A BAND WITH FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL...
...WELL, WHATEVER
I EVEN GAVE UP MY SCHOOL BREAK TO DO IT, THIS SUCKS...
YEAH... BUT I WAS EXPECTING SOME AMAZING PLAYER TO SHOW UP, YOU KNOW...
YOU WON, ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
SEGA
THOSE GUYS... WERE THEY PLAYING FOR REAL?
WELL, IT'S JUST A GAME...
IF THAT'S THE CASE... THEY MUST BE PRETTY SALTY RIGHT NOW, HEH...

NO NEED TO TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY.

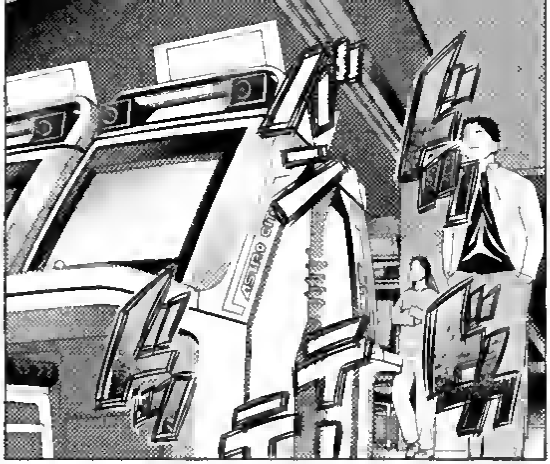
WHOA! COOL!

RECENTLY, I HAVEN'T BEEN SPENDING MONEY GAMING, MAYBE I'LL JUST BUY IT!
IT'S SO COOL...

STRUM

YEAH, IT'S GOOD.
THIS BASS IS GREAT, RIGHT?

YOU WIN!
ASTRO
DAMMIT!
RON!
I WIN!
This place just for us-
As we gaze at the same moooon
We can still go back to this placee
When you're here-



Can you hear this song?

Guile
Cammy
SUPER WINS

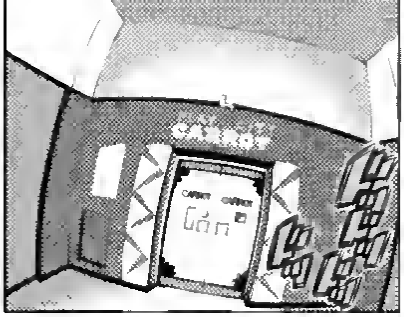
...IS FUCKING WITH ME!

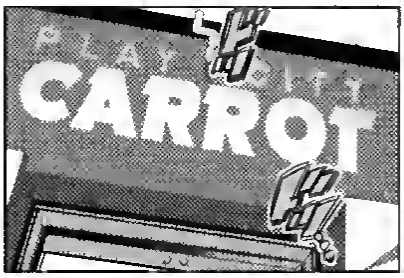
TH-
THIS GUY...

SLAM!

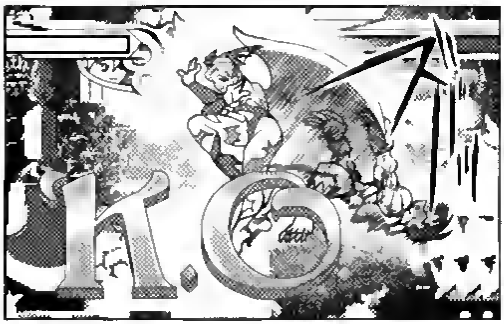
...OOH-
WOW, WONDER HOW THE NEW CHARACTERS ARE?
THIS A NEW DARK-STALKERS GAME? VAMPIRE SAVIOR?
新たなる闇の洗礼
VAMPIRE SAVIOR
The Lord of Vampire
ヴァンパイアセイヴァー
One Year Later
THIS NEW CHARAC-TER IS "LILITH"?
WOAHHH- SHE'S SERIOUSLY WAY TOO CUTE!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE PLAYED, BUT I WANNA TRY HER OUT!
THERE'S EVEN A LOKE TEST IN SUGANO GAME CENTER
REALLY?
WELL LET'S GO THEN!

*Location Test (Loka Test for short) Before a new game is released, a play test for the public is conducted. This helps the game makers to receive more feedback regarding the market appeal of the title and to normalize the game balance accordingly.





"I want to try out that new game!"
Location Tests* are very exciting events for players. As word of mouth spreads, so does the motivation to play.
GAME
HOT GAME ANIME



The talent of this boy...

99 WINS

...only made him more arrogant.

*Counter stop
This is when after the number of consecutive victories reaches 99, the game becomes unable to count any further

Super Gamer's Mario

HASN'T IT BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU'VE ENTERED A TOURNAMENT?
YEAH... I GUESS SO...

THIS WEEK'S UTENA WAS PRETTY
FFERENT, IGHT?
I JUST BOUGHT HIKOKOU'S
REALLY?
WHAT ABOUT ZUN

BUT, I AM THE ZERO2 CHAMPION OF JAPAN!
THIS WILL BE FREE!

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TECH HITLA!
I REALLY WANNA GO! BUT I JUST BOUGHT 5 OSTS SO MONEY IS KINDA TIGHT... BUT REI... MANNN...
YOU GOING TO EVA NEXT MONTH?
NICE, TOO! WHILE I'M WAITING I MIGHT INVEST IN A DENGEKI G'S BEFORE I LEAVE...
AFTER THIS, I'M GONNA PICK UP THIS MONTH'S TOKIMEKI MEM
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S HERE...
OH MAN, ITS THAT EMOTION-LESS GUILE PLAYER FROM BACK THEN
...?
LET'S SEE... THE NEXT MATCH IS DAIGO UMEHARA AND SHINYA OONUKI!
WHA?

Jedah
Lilith
HE REALLY DOES SEEM LIKE A LAME PLAYER...
...WELL...
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カコ

I'LL MAKE
THIS
QUICK.
READY

FIGHTING GAMERS!

UMEHARA
FIGHTING GAMERS!

Supervise by DAIGO UMEHARA
Art by KENGORO NISHIDE Story by ITARU ORIKASA

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"EVO 2015 TOP 3: NO CLUE, BUT IT'LL BE AN ALL JAPAN TOP 3."

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"EVO2015 TOP 3: UME-CHAN, KAZUNOKO ...TOKIDO? MAYBE PR ROG?"

THE THREE OF US WILL ALSO BE AT EVO 2015 THIS YEAR! IF YOU RUN INTO US, SAY HI!

Translation/FGC Notes:

p.19 - "Zero 2 vs Alpha 2"
Zero 2 refers to Street Fighter Zero 2, also known as Street Fighter Alpha 2 in the West. Nuki's waifu Chun Li is really good in that game.

p. 22 - "Gomen ne!"
"Sorry!" Chun Li says this when she taunts. It's cute. Also means that Nuki ended his tournament winning custom combo with taunt. Hype.

p.27 - "Ron"
The game they're playing is Mahjong. Winning off another person is called "Ron" which Nuki does here. Coincidentally, Daigo retired from fighting games for a while to try to become a pro mahjong player. He said he stood behind pro players for hours watching them.

p.29 - "Vampire Savior"
Also known as "VSav" or "Darkstalkers 3". Probably the most popular of the Darkstalkers (aka Vampire in Japan) series of fighting games. Sako is really well-known for being a god at this game.

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